

COVID-19 (coronavirus) SCAMS

a little CRC

Scamwatch is raising the alert about scams relating to COVID vaccines:

- requesting payment for vaccines or for early access to vaccines
- offers to mail vaccines
- offers to pay money as an investment opportunity in the Pfizer vaccine
- fake surveys related to vaccines that offer prizes or early access
- scammers are pretending to be government agencies providing information on COVID-19 through text messages and emails 'phishing' for your information. These contain malicious links and attachments designed to steal your personal and financial information.

Text messages may appear to come from 'GOV' or 'myGov', with a malicious link to more information on COVID-19. Scammers may offering to 'help' you with applications for financial assistance or payments for staying home.

Scamwatch has received over 6415 scam reports mentioning the coronavirus with more than \$9,800,000 in reported losses since the outbreak of COVID-19.

Tips to protect yourself from these types of scams:



- Don't click on links in text/social media messages, or emails, even if it appears to come from a trusted source
- To check information go directly to the correct website through your browser. For example search for "myGov" using Google or type 'my.gov.au' into the browser address bar yourself.
- Never respond to **unsolicited messages and calls** that ask for personal or financial details, even if they claim to be a from a reputable organisation or government authority – just press delete or **hang up**.

FREE COVID SUPPLIES

Quality re-usable facemasks

Limit 10 per person



**COVID-19
Rapid Antigen Saliva Tests
(Lollipop test)**

Limit 15 Per household

**Pickup in person at Northcliffe CRC
or at Northcliffe Visitors Centre on weekends**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10am to 5pm • Thursday, Friday 10 am to 6pm



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